

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2, 5, and 6 are cancelled, claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 11-15 are amended and no new claims are added. Claims 6 and 8-10 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but do contain allowable subject matter. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the identification of allowable subject matter and as amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 6 as well as intervening claims 2 and 5.

35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 15-17 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as indefinite with respect to “the storage tank” and “the tank”. Claim 15 is amended to overcome the rejection.

35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 and 11 as anticipated by Black (US 6,758,590). Claims 5, 7 and 12-14 were rejected as obvious based on Black as well. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and the subject matter of intervening claims 2 and 5. As claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, the rejections of claims 3-5 and 7-14 is now moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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